

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY MISSOURI

PRECIOUS MCAFEE,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
vs.)
HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY LLC) Case No.
d/b/a HARRAH'S NORTH KANSAS CITY)
CASINO)
SERVE REGISTERED AGENT:) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
CSC Lawyers Incorporating Service Company)
222 East Dunklin Street)
Jefferson City MO 65101)

Defendant.

PETITION FOR DAMAGES

Plaintiff Precious McAfee, for her Petition for Damages against Defendant, states and alleges as follows:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff is an individual residing at 559 E. Minor Drive, Kansas City, MO 64131.
2. Defendant Harrah's North Kansas City LLC (Defendant Harrah's) is a limited liability company authorized to conduct business within the state of Missouri and maintains a principal place of business at One Riverboat Drive North Kansas City, MO 64116.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. Pursuant to Mo. Rev. Stat. Section 506.500, Defendant Harrah's is subject to jurisdiction because it maintains a place of business in Clay County, Missouri.
4. Pursuant to Mo. Const. Art. 5 Section 14 and Mo. Rev. Stat. Section 478.070, this Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this dispute because the claims arise from transactions and occurrences that took place in the State of Missouri.
5. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Mo. Rev. Stat. Section 508.010.4 because

EXHIBIT

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Plaintiff was first injured in Clay County, Missouri.

BACKGROUND

6. Defendant Harrah's invites individuals like Plaintiff to its Casino to engage in gambling and gaming.

7. Defendant Harrah's advertises its gaming activities to attract individuals like Plaintiff to its Casino.

8. On June 17, 2019, Plaintiff was a patron at Defendant Harrah's playing a table game.

9. Sitting next to Plaintiff on June 17, 2019 was another patron named Richard Murphy.

10. Both Plaintiff and Mr. Murphy were "regulars" at the Defendant Harrah's.

11. Upon winning a hand, Mr. Murphy and Plaintiff celebrated.

12. However, Mr. Murphy took the celebration too far. With his left hand, Mr. Murphy reached across the front of Plaintiff's body and groped her right and left breasts.

13. Plaintiff immediately pushed Mr. Murphy's hand off of her breasts and Defendant Harrah's security was contacted by a Pit Boss named Tina.

14. Pit Boss Tina apologized to Plaintiff and explained to Plaintiff that she is tired of Mr. Murphy because he always harasses women at Defendant Harrah's and that he had been banned from the Casino before.

15. Within ten (10) minutes of the sexual assault, Officer Lusk-Brinegar, a Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper, conducted an investigation.

16. During the investigation, Mr. Murphy admitted that he touched Plaintiff's breasts without her consent and that the two did not have an intimate relationship.

17. Mr. Murphy was arrested and is being criminally prosecuted for Assault – 4th degree.

18. Defendant Harrah's took no further action with respect to the sexual assault perpetrated against Plaintiff.

19. Also, before Plaintiff left the Casino on June 17, 2019, an Asian woman approached her and inquired about Mr. Murphy.

20. Plaintiff explained that Mr. Murphy grabbed her breasts and was arrested. The Asian woman responded that Mr. Murphy was her ride home.

21. Earlier that night, Mr. Murphy bragged to Plaintiff that he used the Casino as a platform to “pimp” Asian women.

COUNT I
NEGLIGENCE-PREMISE LIABILITY

22. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference as if fully stated herein the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs.

23. Defendant Harrah's Casino invites individuals like Plaintiff to its Casino to engage in gambling and gaming.

24. Plaintiff was a patron at Defendant Harrah's Casino.

25. Defendant Harrah's had a duty to keep its premises reasonably safe for patrons like Plaintiff that visit the Casino.

26. Defendant knew or should have known, or with the exercise of ordinary care could have known, that Richard Murphy regularly and frequently visited the Casino and that Mr. Murphy had sexually harassed female patrons and employees of the Casino.

27. Defendant knew or should have known, or with the exercise of ordinary care could have known, that Richard Murphy had been banned from the Casino previously.

28. Defendant Harrah's failed to provide adequate security and safety for its patrons by failing to remove from its premises individuals known by Defendant to have engaged in sexual misconduct and as a result the premises were not reasonably safe.

29. Defendant Harrah's knew or should have known of this condition and knew or should have known that such condition was not reasonably safe for its patrons.

30. Defendant could have discovered the unsafe condition using ordinary care.

31. The sexual assault perpetrated against Plaintiff was foreseeable to Defendant.

32. Defendant Harrah's failed to use ordinary care in protecting its patrons like Plaintiff and in making its premises reasonably safe.

33. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Harrah's failure to keep its premises reasonably safe, Plaintiff has and will continue to suffer damages including emotional distress and other non-pecuniary damages, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs necessary for litigation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Precious McAfee requests that this Court enter judgment in her favor against Defendant Harrah's, and award Plaintiff damages as proven at trial, including actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorneys' fees and related litigation and enforcement expenses and such other and further relief as just and proper.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff Precious McAfee hereby requests a trial by jury on all claims in the above-captioned matter.

Date: January 15, 2020

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